

ENLARGEMENT OF NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION, IN
ARIZONA.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
WITH ACCOMPANYING PAPERS, EXPRESSING AN URGENT NE-
CESSITY FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE NAVAJO INDIAN
RESERVATION, IN ARIZONA.

JANUARY 10, 1900.—Read, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered
to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, dated the 5th instant, with accompanying papers, expressing an urgent necessity for the enlargement of the Navajo Indian Reservation, in Arizona, to enable these Indians to support themselves by stock raising within the limits of their reservation.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, January 10, 1900.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 5, 1900.

The PRESIDENT:

For several years past it has been manifest to the Department that the Navajo Reservation is inadequate to supply water and grass for the herds of the Indians, and many of them, perhaps one-third of the tribe, for that reason have been habitually off the reservation on the public domain, where they are in frequent conflict with whites over the grazing of their herds.

Various officials of the Department, within the past year or two, have recommended an enlargement of the reservation by extending it westerly within certain defined boundaries. But the physical characteristics of the proposed extended area were, until recently, unknown